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Poetry in Sidewalks

Significant Factors/ Opportunities

While sections of Williamson Street are being redone and new sections of sidewalk are being poured, it is a great opportunity to create lasting sidewalk public art installations.

Concept

The idea was pioneered by the Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk initiative in St. Paul, MN. Since 2008, St. Paul has used 30 poems in over 270 sidewalk installations across the city. For more information, see <http://publicartstpaul.org/everydaysidewalk>.

Ideas for Artwork

Poetry from local writers such as UW-Madison alumna and third Madison Poet Laureate, Fabu, would be featured.

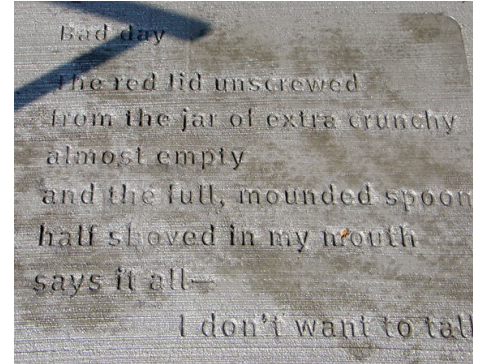
Southern Love, by Fabu
*I want love
to be like a good pot of greens
pick the tenderest parts
separate from the hard stem
wash gently and thoroughly
removing every bit of dirt and grime
rinsing over and over and over
with the clear, clean water of
forgiveness
season with savory meat, herbs and
spices
and then simmer, simmer, simmer.*

Possible Locations

Weary Traveler - 1201 Williamson,
Broom Street Theater -
1119 Williamson,
Carl DuRocher - 1441 Williamson,
853 Williamson.

Estimated Costs

\$5,000

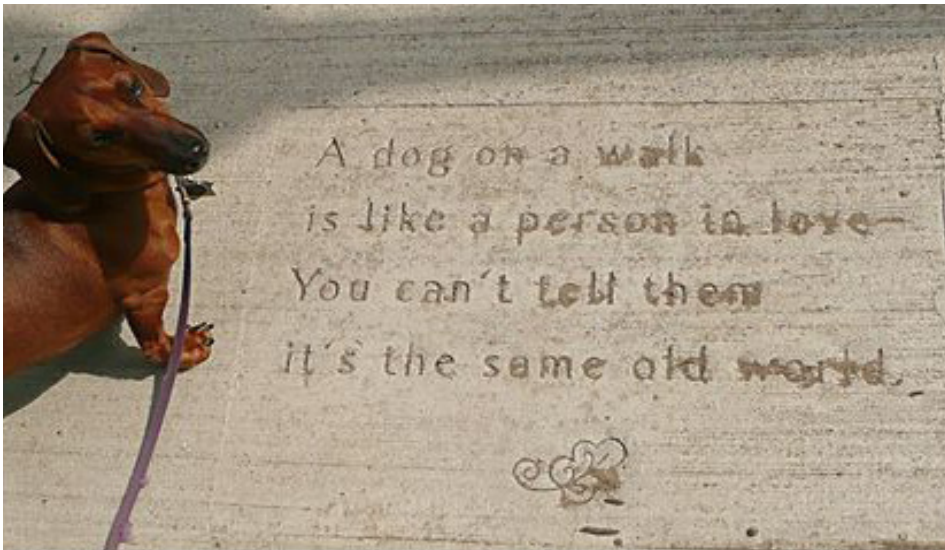


Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk, a public art initiative in St. Paul, MN.

Bad Day by Caley J. Conney.

A Dog on a Walk by Pat Owen.

Meadowlark Mending Song by Margaret Hasse.



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